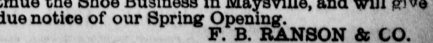


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# OUR LETTER BOX

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## SPRINDALE SPLITTERS.

A Writer Who Hears to the Line, Regardless Where the Chips Fall.

Annie Pearl, daughter of G. B. Kennedy, is now in New York.

Mrs. A. L. Redman was called on friends at Maplewood and vicinity Wednesday.

Miss Amy Goddard, our pleasant young teacher, made a visit to her home Saturday.

Henry Otto is at home after a six months attendance at the Commercial College, Lexington.

Lease Garrett, widow of the late John Garrett, died Monday night, aged 94 years. Her remains were interred at Bethany Wednesday.

## OCCURRING AT ORANGEBOURNE.

What The Ledger's Correspondent Records From That Pleasant Vicinity.

Farmers busy.

Hurrah for Bradley!

Our school closes Friday.

Several cases of measles in our midst.

The Literary is a hustler, especially the paper.

D. G. Wilson has had a roof erected over his store porch.

Dr. Gainer's office is completed, and he is now occupying it.

Died, of pneumonia and measles, the little seven-year-old daughter of Amos Rizzo.

Rev. Tomlin, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, will with pneumonia at Mr. Alfred Day's.

We learn that the Sabbath-school was organized at Plumville last Sunday and will begin next Sunday at 10 p. m.

These Hambleys are hauling the lumber from the Warden farm to Charles Kennan, where it will be sold by Mr. Kennan.

Hechinger & Co. still continue to sell the best 50-cent Neckwear on earth.

Have your bread pure by using Chenoweth's Strictly Pure Baking Powder.

The largest Krupp guns have a range of seventeen miles and fire two shots a minute.

The spring tides are getting low. Now's the time to plant advertisements in THE LEXON.

Vermont's output of maple sugar this spring will be only about half as large as that of last year.

Lord Rhythwood says that he has an instrument capable of measuring down to the 60,000th part of an inch.

## A NEW GUN.

It Will Make of Future Wars Nothing But Butchery.

A native of Montreal has invented a gun which he confidently believes, when it is adopted by all Nations, will make war impossible. If all that is claimed for it be true, the gun is certainly the most remarkable piece of ordnance in existence.

The most remarkable feature of the gun is that no explosive is used and that its missiles are projected by an agency, the nature of which is a profound secret, which, without noise or smoke, is capable of discharging the most incredible number of 300,000 shots a minute.

The gun resembles a field piece of the modern type. Over the barrel are some cylinders, surrounded by a pressure gauge, and to the rear is a shoulder piece, which is as commonly attached to rapid-fire guns.

A little forward of the breech is a funnel, down which the bullets are passed into the gun; as fast as two men can pour them. Underneath the gun and between the wheels is placed the mechanism by which the propulsive force is generated. This is carefully inclosed so that no hint of its nature can be obtained, although the presence of the pressure gauge might be taken as an indication that compressed air is the mysterious power used.

The power of the weapon seems to vary greatly with the length of the piece, one two-foot long giving a muzzle velocity of 854 feet a second, while for the nine foot the amazing velocity of 3,732 feet is claimed, the bullets in each case being half an inch in diameter.

The inventor insists that his principle can be applied to cannons of the largest size.

# McKINLEY LAW

It Was a Successful Revenue Raiser and Debt Payer.

## THEN THE FREE-TRADE LAW.

It Has Been Successful Only as a Dismal Failure Every Way.

## FIGURES TO PONDER OVER

The deficiency in the National Treasury since the repeal of the McKinley Law has now reached a round \$80,000,000.

The first week of the month of April alone produced a deficiency of nearly \$4,000,000.

The deficiency for the fiscal year, which Secretary Carlisle estimated at \$17,000,000, is already \$28,000,000, with nearly three months of the fiscal year remaining.

If the Wilson Law had been intended to produce the deficiency, and to generally upon the affairs of the Nation, it could scarcely have been better suited to the requirement. At every stage of its history there is a record of failure, disappointment, deficiency.

Here is the record of the Wilson Law at four periods in its brief history, compared with corresponding periods in the history of the McKinley Law.

Lay these figures aside for reference in the coming campaign:

### Eight Months.

Wilson Law receipts in its first eight months, \$188,448,874.

McKinley Law receipts same period preceding year, \$189,314,733.

McKinley Law surplus in its worst eight months, \$187,347,219.

Wilson Law receipts in its best eight months to date, \$188,448,874.

McKinley Law surplus first eight months, \$21,205,707.

Wilson Law deficiency first eight months, \$51,373,466.

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## TAXES ON LIQUORS.

More Than \$800,000,000 Collected in the United States Yearly.

## SOMBER MEMORIALS.

Four Uncle Sam's Periodical Purchase of Grave Stones.

Philadelphia Press.

The United States Government is a large buyer in the various markets of the country. It buys almost everything from

whale oil and wheat to tape and typewriters, but about the most remarkable purchase it makes is a grave stone.

The Quartermaster General of the army is now opening bids for 20,000 of these somber reminders of man's mortality.

Half of the number are to be headstones and half footstones. It is only two years since a like number was bought, so it would seem that Uncle Sam has many graves to mark. The stones are bought under the act providing that any soldier or sailor having an honorable discharge

entitled to burial in Federal resting places marked by the Government. The friends and relatives of some veterans are too proud to apply for these stones, while others consider it an honor to have them.

The Government pays about \$2 each for the grave stones, when it buys them in such large quantities. They are cut from the marble, but are plain and unpretentious. Upon proper application they are marked with the veteran's full name, date of birth and death, and the number of his regiment. Then they are shipped to the designated spot and erected at the Government's expense.

There are about 3,000 Chalmers in the city of Philadelphia and its suburbs.

B. W. Rogers, a farmer near Bridgeton, N. J., has planted 500 chestnut trees with the idea of selling them twelve or fifteen years hence for telephone poles, which even now bring \$1.65 per pole.

An Affidavit.

This is to certify that on May 11th I visited the McMillan drugstore on a pair of crutches and bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm for inflammatory rheumatism which had crippled me up. After using three bottles I am completely cured. I can cheerfully recommend it.

CHARLES H. WYETH, JR., Sunbury, Pa.

Sworn and subscribed to before me on August 10th, 1904.

WALTER SHIPMAN, J. P.

For sale at all prices by bottle by J. Jas. Wood, Druggist.

## GRAND POPULAR EXCURSION

To Cincinnati via C. and O. route April 16th, 1904.

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